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Governor signs proclamation for Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard demonstrated his support of the military by signing an executive proclamation announcing Aug. 20-26, 2017, as Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Week in South Dakota.

The proclamation honors the members of our Guard and Reserve for their steadfast dedication - both in and out of uniform.

The proclamation also acknowledges the families, employers, and businesses whose encouragement and flexibility enable our military to thrive, and whose support has been vital to the success, stability, and security of our Nation.

ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, recognizing outstanding employer support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, resolving potential conflicts between employers and their service members, and acting as the employers' principal advocate within the Department of Defense.

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Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas: For more than two centuries, brave patriots have given of themselves to secure our fundamental rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness -- and in times of both war and peace, members of the National Guard and Reserve have stood ready to don our uniform, answer our Nation's call, and protect our way of life; and,

Whereas: There are nearly 5,000 members of our National Guard and Reserve in South Dakota who dutifully train and prepare so that when they are called at a moment's notice to serve their Nation, they are able to serve with the honor and dedication that have long been hallmarks of our Armed Forces; and,

Whereas: Balancing their lives as civilians with their responsibilities in uniform, they defend and protect our people at home and abroad. In the face of natural disasters and humanitarian crises, they are quick to respond and offer assistance; during periods of conflict and strife, they help keep us safe and protect our national interests; and,

Whereas: These citizen-Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen deserve the full backing of their civilian employers and the promise of a secure and stable life here at home. From the businesses that seek to recruit and retain these patriots in the workplace to the supporters who provide leadership and

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resources, this unconditional care for our Guardsmen and Reservists and their families is part of what makes our military the greatest fighting force the world has ever known; and,

Whereas: During National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, let us honor the members of our Guard and Reserve for their steadfast dedication to us all -- both in and out of uniform. And let us acknowledge the families, employers, and businesses whose encouragement and flexibility have enabled our military to thrive, and whose support has been vital to the success, stability, and security of our Nation.

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